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SUBJECT: GREAT AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CORP., 269 GIRALDA AVE.,
CORAL GABLES, FLA. 33134

REF: QUITO 5003, 5076, 5423; USDOC 11046; GUATEMALA 3781

1. URGENTLY NEED ANY ADDITIONAL AND/OR LATEST BACKGROUND DATA
REGARDING FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS, TO INCLUDE
GENERAL REPUTATION AND ANY ADVERSE INFORMATION:

A. GREAT AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

B. PEMAR ENGINEERING, INC., HIALEAH, FLORIDA, AND
ASSOCIATED FIRMS, PEMAR. INTERNATIONAL, W.H., INC., AND MARTINEZ
INTERNATIONAL W.H., INC., ALSO BASED IN HIALEAH, FLA. THESE
FIRMS ALSO INCORPORATED IN DELAWARE.

C. LANG ENGINEERING CORP., 1320 S. DIXIE HWY. CORAL
GABLES, FLA.

D. PEDRO E. MARTINEZ, AMCIT OF CUBAN ORIGIN.

2. BACKGROUND: GREAT AMERICAN, WHICH HAD BEEN AWARDED
US\$11 MILLION CONTRACT FOR SILO CONSTRUCTION IN ECUADOR,
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NOW FACES SERIOUS ACCUSATIONS OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH

CONTRACTS IN SEVERAL ARA COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY GUAYANA. PEDRO MARTINEZ, GREAT AMERICAN CONSULTANT ENGINEER AND FOUNDER OF PEMAR, IS PERSONALLY ACCUSED OF LEAVING BAD DEBTS ELSEWHERE AND POSSIBLY OF ATTEMPTED BRIBERY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN ECUADOR. CASE, NOW BEFORE ECUADOREAN ATTORNEY GENERAL, IS OF NATIONAL INTEREST BECAUSE OF STRONG POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. GREAT AMERICAN MAINTAINS IT IS INNOCENT OF ANY WRONGDOING HERE AS ELSEWHERE AND HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY SUPPORT TO RETAIN CONTRACT.
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